

## Portland Pearl District and Nob Hill

Shopping, dining out, people-watching or attending the theater? Make an adventure of it and arrive by MAX or bus at PGE Park. From there, it's a short, fascinating walk through historic neighborhoods to shops, galleries, restaurants and theaters in the Pearl District or Nob Hill.

From the PGE Park MAX station, SW 18th Avenue and Morrison Street, walk north on 18th. PGE Park was once Multnomah Field, an athletic field built on the steep banks of Tanner Creek in 1893. PGE Park hosts Beavers baseball and Timbers soccer games.

At Burnside, 18th jogs right; continue north. At Everett, turn right, walk seven blocks, crossing I-405 and turn right on 11th. Walk to Couch. Here are the Brewery Blocks, redevelopment of land where Blitz-Weinhard brewed beer from 1856 to 1999. Today, you'll find Powell's Books, condominiums, restaurants, an upscale grocery, shops and Portland Center Stage's Gerding Theater in the smartly renovated Portland Armory building.

From 11th and Couch, walk east on Couch to Park Avenue and turn left to walk along the elm-lined North Park Blocks. At Glisan turn left, walk two blocks and turn right on 10th. From 10th, turn left on Johnson and left on 13th. Walk three blocks through the NW 13th Avenue National Historic District and turn right on Glisan. (Here you can return to the MAX by walking west on Glisan to 18th, turning left and walking south to the station.)

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3.3 miles

6968 steps

difficulty

45,522, -122.689

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From 13th and Glisan, walk west on Glisan to 19th. Cross diagonally through Couch Park to Hoyt Street and continue west on Hoyt. Turn right on 23rd Avenue and enjoy blocks of shops and restaurants before turning left on Northrup. Walk three blocks and turn right on 26th. At Pettygrove, enter Wallace Park, where on September evenings hundreds gather to watch the world's largest population of Vaux's Swifts spiral into their home in Chapman School's tall chimney.

Exit the park and continue on 26th to Thurman. Turn right. At 23rd, a public library occupies a former wine store. Turn right on 23rd, walking south to Northrup. Go left and then right on 22nd. Walk three blocks; turn left at Kearney and right on 21st. Walk two blocks and turn left at Irving and right at 18th. Walk south on 18th to the starting point.



Vaux's Swifts sign





